



# Mason Conservation District

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## Board of Supervisor Monthly Summary of Activities March 2016

### Shore Friendly Mason Update

**Workshop:** Tour of Restoration Effort at Bayshore Preserve with Capitol Land Trust with about 25 people in attendance.

MCD received another \$100K to extend the Shore Friendly Mason Grant through 2018. Continuing to go on site visits providing technical assistance with another potential bulkhead removal site.

One Case Inlet landowner participated in the Mini Grants Program to install native plants on a bluff on Harstine Island.



### AmeriCorps

Caitlin Budd has been creating informational pamphlets about shoreline ecology, monitoring, and best management practices as well as editing the Shore Friendly Mason website. She helped conduct a shoreline survey for a landowner who has partnered with MCD to remove her bulkhead and install soft shore stabilization.



**Plant Sale** went well. We sold 5,158 plants to 126 people who are excited about augmenting native vegetation on their properties.

**Workshops:** Blueberry Propagation and Manure composting had 21 attendees  
Mushroom Growers Cooperative informational meeting was well attended with over 20 attendees.  
Solutions for Mud and Manure Workshop with Speaker Alayne Bickle had an engaged audience of 23 people.

Water Conservation & Landscaping for Master Gardeners - Shelton with about 40 people.



### Mason CD Crew Update

This month the crew planted about 28 acres of conifer understory plantings and planted approximately 4.27 acres on a CREP site that was burnt during last summer's Matlock fire. The crew harvested, made and installed willow fascines along a Skokomish River side channel. Last Summer, LWD (Large Woody Debris) was added to the channel to provide stream diversity and cover for juvenile fish. This project was designed and managed by MCD. The fascines will provide bank stabilization and provide further habitat for wildlife. The crew also planted 7 acres of underplanting on a Gossnel Creek CREP project.



### Restoration Projects

Evan has developed 8 SRFB projects in the Skokomish Watershed, facilitated the WRIA 14 LE SRFB Process, and supporting the application process for 3 CREP plans (approved by MCD board in late 2015). The application to the DOE NEP Riparian/Ag program was selected for funding. This grant will involve an immediate award of close to \$50,000 to conduct landowner outreach in the Skokomish Valley regarding land acquisitions necessary to implement the USACE restoration projects. This outreach effort will yield an acquisition plan that identifies landowners willing to move forward with acquisition, and a scope of work for the next phase of the project. If the scope of work is approved, DOE will award an additional \$500,000 to the District (through a non-competitive process) to implement the acquisition plan as well as riparian restoration efforts.

### Farm Planning

Amy Rosen joined the district staff this month and is working on getting to know landowners who have farms plans and projects in progress to be able to assist them with their next steps. She has taken two new requests for farm plans, has taken over the management of the Manure Exchange Program, and has signed up 12 new participants so far

### Engineering Team Update

Rodney has been working on design drawings, quantity calculations, structural analysis and contract paperwork for the 2 FFFPP projects (KOSKI and LEONARD) that we will be implementing during the upcoming construction season. Katrinka designed a waste storage structure in the Oakland Bay watershed that has passed final construction funded through Washington Conservation Commission dollars and landowner contribution.



